

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

1. (Original) A suspension for the voice coil of a loudspeaker drive unit, the suspension comprising:

an inner ring to be connected to the voice coil of the loudspeaker drive unit;
an outer ring to be connected to the chassis of the loudspeaker drive unit;
a plurality of radial spoke-like members connecting the inner ring to the outer ring; wherein the radial spoke-like members are free of compressive stress between their ends.

2. (Original) A suspension as claimed in claim 1, wherein the radial spoke-like members are in tension between the inner and outer rings.

3. (Currently Amended) A suspension as claimed in ~~claim 1 or claim 2~~ claim 35, wherein the spoke-like members are connected to each ring by a respective hinge member.

Claims 4 through 9. (Canceled)

10. (Currently Amended) A suspension as claimed in ~~any preceding claim~~ claim 1, wherein the spoke-like members have a width approximately equal to their length.

11. (Currently Amended) A suspension as claimed in claim 35 ~~any preceding claim~~, wherein said suspension further ~~including~~ includes spoke-like members of a different construction and greater lateral stiffness to that of the first-mentioned spoke-like members.

12. (Currently Amended) A suspension as claimed in claim 37 ~~claim 11~~, wherein the spoke-like members of greater lateral stiffness are of a forked construction at at least one of their ends.

13. (Original) A suspension as claimed in claim 12, wherein the forked construction is of two-pronged form.

14. (Currently Amended) A suspension as claimed in claim 12 ~~or claim 13~~, wherein the spoke-like members of greater lateral stiffness are forked at both ends.

15. (Original) A suspension as claimed in claim 14, wherein the spoke-like members of greater lateral stiffness are substantially X-shaped.

16. (Currently Amended) A suspension as claimed in ~~any of claims 11 to 15~~ claim 37, wherein the spoke-like members of greater lateral stiffness are angled as viewed in a circumferential direction.

17. (Original) A suspension as claimed in claim 16, wherein the angling of alternate spoke-like members of greater lateral stiffness is reversed from one to the next

Claims 18 and 19. (Canceled)

20. (Currently Amended) A suspension as claimed in claim 11 ~~any of claims 11 to 19~~, wherein each spoke-like member of greater lateral stiffness includes a respective hinge member mid-way along its length.

Claim 21. (Canceled)

22. (Currently Amended) A suspension as claimed in ~~any preceding~~ claim 35, wherein the first-mentioned spoke-like members are made of a resilient material.

23. (Original) A suspension as claimed in claim 22, wherein the resilient material comprises plastics material.

Claims 24 to 32. (Canceled)

33. (new) A suspension as claimed in claim 1, wherein the spoke-like members are arcuate as viewed in a circumferential direction and the spoke-like members comprise members of which the arcs face forwards along the longitudinal axis of the suspension, an equal number of members of which the arcs face backwards, and the members are arranged with forward and backwards facing arcs alternating.

34. (new) A suspension as claimed in claim 1, further including spoke-like members of a different construction and greater lateral stiffness to that of the first-mentioned spoke-like members.

35. (new) A suspension for the voice coil of a loudspeaker drive unit, the suspension comprising:

- an inner ring to be connected to the voice coil of the loudspeaker drive unit;

- an outer ring to be connected to the chassis of the loudspeaker drive unit;

- a plurality of radial spoke-like members connecting the inner ring to the outer ring; wherein the spoke-like members are arcuate as viewed in a circumferential direction and the spoke-like members comprise members of which the arcs face forwards along the longitudinal axis of the suspension, an equal number of members of which the arcs face backwards, and the members are arranged with forward and backwards facing arcs alternating.

36. (new) A suspension as claimed in claim 35, wherein the radial spoke-like members are free of compressive stress between their ends.

37. (new) A suspension for the voice coil of a loudspeaker drive unit, the suspension comprising:

an inner ring to be connected to the voice coil of the loudspeaker drive unit;

an outer ring to be connected to the chassis of the loudspeaker drive unit;

a plurality of radial spoke-like members connecting the inner ring to the outer ring;

said suspension further including spoke-like members of a different construction and greater lateral stiffness to that of the first-mentioned spoke-like members.

38. (new) A suspension as claimed in claim 37, wherein the radial spoke-like members are free of compressive stress between their ends.